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A note from the Director

This past summer was an eventful one for the Manchester City Library department. Both libraries hosted summer reading programs based on the theme "Reading Road Trip, USA." The popular Family Fare series in Victory Park returned with numerous four-legged visitors, puppets, martial arts, and singers.

This summer also saw personnel changes at MCL. Susan Deschenes, our automation librarian for the past nine years, left to become the new assistant director at the Nashua Public Library in late May. Our branch division lost a valuable employee with the retirement of Sue Dufault, who has led the branch since 1999. Under Sue's leadership the branch became a more vibrant and larger place to visit. She oversaw the expansion to all three floors of the old King's Fire Station and has implemented many new programs over the years. She will be sorely missed, but we are pleased to announce the promotion of longtime reference librarian Sarah Basbas to branch manager. We welcome Sarah to the administrative team of the library.

This fall watch for the many events planned at the city library. We have been very busy lining up various types of programs and we encourage you, our patrons, to let us know of programs you would enjoy. Make sure to watch for our One Card...Endless Possibilities campaign this month. In the month of September we encourage you to stop into the libraries and sign up for a library card. If you already have this vital card, please share in the endless possibilities a library card offers with your family and friends.

It will be a busy fall here at the Manchester City Library and we look forward to having you visit us.

*Denise van Zanten
Director*

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One Card...Endless Possibilities September 1st - September 30th

Don't miss the launch of our revamped and revitalized fall library card campaign on **Saturday, September 8th at 11:30 AM in Victory Park**. To get our campaign rolling, the Manchester City Library is sponsoring a program by **Wildlife Encounters** called **Rainforest Safari** as part of the *Bel Esprit Arts and Cultural Weekend*. *Bel Esprit* will have a variety of activities going on throughout Manchester on Saturday, September 8th and Sunday, September 9th, and it is exciting to be part of this citywide event.

If you don't have a library card, then September is the time to get one!

As part of our new *One Card...Endless Possibilities* campaign, local businesses are offering discounts to patrons who present their library cards when making a purchase. In addition, when you borrow materials from the Manchester libraries you will be eligible to enter our raffle contest. The Manchester Monarchs and the Friends of the Manchester City Library have sponsored two Monarchs tickets, a Monarchs jersey, and cash prizes, and Croteau Photography has donated a gift certificate for an 8" by 10" portrait. Manchester library cardholders are awarded one raffle ticket per day when checking our materials. The items will be raffled off first thing on Monday, October 1st.

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A library card is free for anyone who lives, works, attends school, or owns property in Manchester. If you are signing up for your first Manchester library card you will receive three raffle tickets.

A valid photo ID and proof of Manchester residence, employment, or school enrollment are required when you sign up for a card.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian when registering. For more information about what you need to bring with you to get your library card, call the main library at 624-6550 or the west branch at 624-6560.



One Card...
Endless Possibilities!

Business Partners:

- Alley Cat Pizzeria - \$2 off any large or extra-large pizza
- Benvenutos - 15% off any purchase, excluding alcohol
- Chalifours - Free rose, just for visiting
- Clam King - Free ice cream product with purchase of one of equal or greater value
- Copy Express - 30% off passport pictures
- Currier Museum Store - Free poster, Moat Mountain, Intervale, NH
- D'Vine Wine & Gift Boutique - 10% off purchase
- Edible Arrangements - \$5 off a box of 6 chocolate-covered fruit (normally \$15)
- Elizabeth's on Elm - 25% off silver and 20% off gold earrings, bracelets, and chains
- Gala Café - Free flavor shot with purchase of a coffee drink
- Heart and Hand - 10% off entire purchase, excluding Webkinz
- New England Sampler - 10% off entire purchase
- Penuche's Grill - Free appetizer with \$10 purchase
- Piccola Italia (Upstairs Lounge only) – \$5 off Chicken Marsala
- Rheault Photographers - 20% off any photo restoration services
- Ted Herbert's Music Mart - 20% off of print music
- Tee Shirt Bodega - 10% off total purchase
- Thousand Crane - 10% off dinner purchase
- A Timeless Treasure - 10% off on one full price item
- The Wild Rover - 20% off food purchase

Fall Book Sale

Saturday, September 8th
Winchell Room

The Friends of the Manchester City Library will open the doors to their fall book sale at 9:30 AM for the general public. Members of the Friends can preview the sale beginning at 9:00 AM. (Membership applications are

available from the library's website, www.manchester.lib.nh.us.) The average price per item is between \$1.00 and \$1.50.

At 12:30 PM the doors to the regular sale will close, but they will reopen from 1:00-2:30 PM for a bag sale. The Friends provide brown paper grocery bags, and for \$7.00 you can fill one with as many items as will fit.

In addition to a wide variety of materials for both children and adults, there will also be audiobooks, videos, musical cassettes, sheet music, large print books, and LP records for sale. Check it out—you might find something you couldn't find anywhere else.

The Friends use the proceeds of the sale to assist with library projects, purchase museum passes, and support the Learn to Read adult literacy program.



The fall book sale will take place during the weekend of Manchester's *Bel Esprit Arts and Cultural Weekend*. Take advantage of this opportunity to have a great day without traveling far. Come downtown to check out the festival, browse through hundreds of books and materials at bargain rates, and have a meal at one of the many downtown restaurants in the area.

For questions about the book sale, please contact the Friends' liaison, Eileen A. Reddy, through the Manchester City Library's reference desk, 624-6550 ext. 320.

Free Wireless Internet Access (Wi-Fi)

The Manchester City Library and West Manchester Community Library are pleased to announce that we now offer free wireless Internet access in both buildings. This project was completed with funds from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation and the technical assistance of the City of Manchester's Information Systems Division. The Internet can be accessed via laptops in public areas of the libraries.

Three New Online Reference Tools

The Manchester City Library has purchased three new databases cooperatively through the GMILCS consortium.

Need a diagram of the brain? Looking for an experiment you can use for the science fair? Curious about Albert Einstein's childhood? Take a look at **Science Online**.



This tool provides a comprehensive, authoritative overview of a broad range of scientific disciplines through extensive definitions, essays, diagrams, illustrations, images, biographies, experiments, and

activities.

Is your car engine lying in pieces in the garage? Need the schematic to locate your car's starter? Want to know if there's been a recall on your vehicle?

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Our **Auto Repair Reference Center** can help. With information supplied by Chilton, the foremost name in publishing for automotive repair manuals, this reference tool includes repair tips and wiring diagrams for both domestic and imported vehicles, some dating as far back as 1945.

Have to write an essay on *Great Expectations*? Searching for an analysis of the poetry of Robert Frost? Need information about Nathaniel Hawthorne and his early life? The Library has replaced its former literary database with a more user-friendly model called **Literary Reference Center**. It is a full-text database that combines information about authors and works across literary disciplines and timeframes from major respected reference works, books, and literary journals.

To access these reference tools, either come to the library and use them in-house, or go to our website at www.manchester.lib.nh.us and click on "online databases." Type in your Manchester library card number and you're in. Happy motoring!

Construction at the Main Library



This past summer we finished the upgrade to our children's room entrance with the addition of granite curbing and landscaping. Landscaping was done by O'Brien's Outdoor Services with funds donated by the

Manchester Garden Club, and plants were also donated by library patron Janet Goodhue. Let us know what you think!

Construction at the West Library

The West Manchester Community Library underwent a renovation on its slate roof and chimneys. This will address (we hope!) the leaks we have been experiencing from above over the years. We thank the City of Manchester's Facilities Division for supporting this project. The branch also had the rear of the lower level renovated with new flooring and paint after a flood this past spring. Make sure to stop in and check out the changes!



In the Kids' Room

Welcome, Miss Karyn

A handmade quilt on her office wall made by her storytime children tells a colorful story of Karyn Isleb's last job. The new Head of Children's Services at the Manchester City Library joined us in mid-May following the retirement of Kathy Urie.

Karyn is from Wisconsin and says she always wanted to move east. She was head of children's services in a county library system where she managed children's libraries in Salem, Twin Lakes, and Silver Lake. These three towns are located midway between Chicago and Milwaukee. The Silver Lake Library has the unusual distinction of being dedicated specifically to children.

When asked about her plans for her new position, with a nod of approval to her predecessor, she said she plans to build on the basics already in place with more community outreach, particularly in the schools and childcare centers in Manchester.

Karyn has a history background, and looks forward to visiting New Hampshire's Canterbury Shaker Village and Strawberry Banke. Karyn is also a genealogy buff.

● Storytimes are Back

Beginning the week of September 17th, our storytimes will return. **Preschool Storytime** for 4- and 5-year-olds will be held Tuesday mornings; **Toddler Storytime** for 2- and 3-year-olds will meet Wednesday mornings; and for our youngest patrons, 0-23 months, **Lap-sit Storytime** will be on Friday mornings. All sessions begin at 9:30 AM and will be held in the Winchell Room. Registration for the toddler and lap-sit storytimes will begin on Tuesday, September 4th, in person or by phone.

● Babies and Bears

Wednesday, September 5th at 10:00 AM
Winchell Room

Amy Conley, a well-known children's performer and the director of Music Together of Milford/Manchester, will present a musical celebration for parents and caregivers of infants and toddlers. Come participate in this 45-minute program that includes songs, dances, and rhythm instruments, along with Amy's guitar and banjo. Bring your teddy bears and instruments, too! All ages are welcome, and registration is not required.

● Wildlife Encounters Rainforest Safari

Saturday, September 8th at 11:30 AM
Victory Park

To help kick off our *One Card...Endless Possibilities* campaign, we are welcoming back Wildlife Encounters. Derek and his crew are going to take us on a trip to the rainforest. Find out where the rainforests are and what animals call them home. Registration is not required for this event, and all ages are welcome. In the event of rain, it will be held in the library auditorium.

● The Art of Storytelling

Wednesday, September 19th at 3:00 PM
At Currier *Downtown*, 52 Hanover St.

The Currier is collaborating with the Manchester City Library for this One Card...Endless Possibilities campaign event. Come to **Currier Downtown** for this special program where storybook illustrators Neva Austrew and

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Tracey Carrier will read their books and talk about the illustrations. Afterwards, think about your favorite book or story and create a book cover of your own.

Both authors' books will be available for purchase during the event, and the authors will be available for autographs. You can also sign up to get a library card at this event. Parents should bring a valid photo ID with their current address to register for a card. The Art of Storytelling is part of Currier *Downtown's* Family Wednesdays, sponsored by Bellwether Community Credit Union.



● The Annual Halloween Party

Monday, October 29th at 7:00 PM

Each year the children's department hosts a **Halloween party and costume parade**, where children and parents are invited to come in costume.

Entertainment and refreshments follow the parade around the library. This year's party marks the return of **Alex the Jester**, who will be performing in the auditorium. Alex keeps kids (as well as parents) laughing with a nonstop stream of surprises. Connecting his escapades is a wild-sounding gibberish language called Grammelot. For more information about Alex the Jester, visit his website at www.alexthejester.com.

FOR DETAILS ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS AND OTHERS WE WILL BE OFFERING THIS FALL, CONTACT CHILDREN'S SERVICES AT 624-6550 EXT. 328. YOU CAN ALSO VISIT THE LIBRARY CALENDAR FOR A SCHEDULE OF ALL THE EVENTS WE HOST.

● What's New in the Kids' Room

Picture Books—

-Dimity Dumpty: The Story of Humpty's Little Sister
by Bob Graham

Did you know that Humpty Dumpty had a sister? Can she help the King's soldiers put Humpty back together again?

-No More Bottles for Bunny! by Bernette Ford and Sam Williams

Bunny wants to go to his friend's tea party. There's only one problem—Bunny still uses a bottle. Will Bunny grow up and start using a cup like his friends?

Fiction—

-Charlie Bone and the Beast by Jenny Nimmo
Charlie's classmate is missing. His parents fear that he has been kidnapped and ask Charlie for help. Can he find him in time?

-Eggs by Jerry Spinelli
David has just lost his mother. His father is constantly gone due to work, and he doesn't have many friends. Can bossy Primrose teach David the value of friendship?



Teen Read Week

Hey teens!

Get ready to **LOL @ your library** for Teen Read Week, October 14-20, 2007.

Teen Read Week is a national literacy campaign that encourages teens to make time to read for the fun of it and to use their local libraries. You can sign up to participate in the **Wrestlemania Reading Challenge**. The Manchester City Library will be hosting several programs this fall that will have you laughing out loud. Teens can test their skills in two tournament-style programs. A **DDR (Dance, Dance, Revolution) Tournament** will be held on Thursday, October 18th, and a **Guitar Hero Tournament** will be held Thursday, November 8th. Both events will begin at 3:45 PM and will be held in the Winchell Room. Sign up early, space is limited.

On the side –

the West Side

● Hale and Farewell

August 1st saw the retirement of Susan Dufault, who has been the West Manchester Community Library branch manager since 1999 and was responsible for the major renovation that doubled the size of the library. Susan says, "The last eight years have flown past and I will miss my coworkers and our patrons. This is a special place with a wonderful history—an unparalleled community resource. I know you will all welcome the new manager, Sarah Basbas."

Sarah began her career with MCL in the reference department of the main library in 1994 and has been a pivotal member of the department. Sarah plans to build on the relationships that have made the west branch an important part of the community. Her many years of experience are sure to be an asset and she looks forward to this new challenge.

"No furniture so charming as books." - Sydney Smith

Mr. Smith could have been talking about our teen area! Due to a driving spring rain the carpet and furniture in this area of the West Community Library had to be removed. Paint and carpet have been replaced, the bookcases and books have returned to their rightful places, but the furniture hasn't arrived. Coming soon to your YA area—furniture!

● September and October School Open Houses

This fall when you are visiting your child's school's open house, be sure to look for your local librarians. We are going to be present to welcome you all back to the library and its resources as the school year begins.

● **Happy Halloween - Saturday,
October 27th at 3:00 PM**

Judy Pancoast has an intriguing Halloween program ready for this fall. She says it involves songs and stories about Superman and about princesses. She will be sharing her brand of holiday magic with us at the West Community Library. Wear your costume and be part of the costume contest and other Halloween activities.



● **National Children's Book Week
November 12-18, 2007**

From the Children's Book Council (CBC) website: "The CBC Foundation, Every Child a Reader, is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that help promote the enjoyment and importance of reading

among America's youth. Every Child a Reader seeks to harness the collective power of the children's book publishing industry to create a positive social impact in our communities. Its goals echo those of the CBC, which are to make the reading and enjoyment of children's books an essential part of America's educational and social goals and to enhance public perception of the importance of reading."

This statement also reflects the library community's hope for the future of all our children. Reading will make a difference in the life of a child. A reading child becomes a knowledgeable adult.

The West Community Library is renewing its commitment to the people of Manchester during the nationwide Children's Book Week (CBW). A reading marathon is planned. There will be a sign up (with 15-minute slots) and our goal is to have a child (or children) reading every afternoon after school from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday, with a party planned for Saturday to celebrate "Rise Up Reading," this year's CBW theme. For more information about Children's Book Week, visit the CBC website at www.cbcbooks.org.

● **Fall/Winter hours begin September 8th**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday:
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, Wednesday: 12:30-8:30 PM

**Manchester City Library
Book Discussion Group 2007-08**

The MCL book discussion group meets monthly on the **second Thursday** of the month from September through May, excluding December. The meetings begin at **7:00 PM** and take place in the **Hunt Room** of the main library. The titles for the upcoming year are as follows:

● **September 13th - Trailerpark** by Russell Banks
A series of related stories featuring the quirky residents of a New Hampshire trailer park.

● **October 11th - Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury
The 1953 science fiction classic about a future world (that sounds frighteningly contemporary) in which wall-sized televisions predominate, advertising is everywhere, and books are banned. This is part of The Big Read, sponsored by the New Hampshire State Library.

● **November 8th - The Known World**
by Edward P. Jones
When a black slave owner and former slave dies, his widow mismanages their antebellum Virginia plantation with disastrous results.

● **January 10th - Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History** by John M. Barry
A nonfiction account of the 1918 flu epidemic.

● **February 14th - Snow Flower and the Secret Fan**
by Lisa See
The bonds of friendship between two women are tested throughout their lives in nineteenth century China.

● **March 13th - Shadow Divers: The True Adventures of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II** by Roberta Kurson
A nonfiction account of the discovery of a sunken German U-boat off the New Jersey coast containing military history, mystery, and action.

● **April 10th - A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian**
by Marina Lewycka
A comic novel about how two estranged sisters must overcome longstanding sibling rivalry to prevent their father, and elderly Ukrainian immigrant, from marrying an apparent gold digger.

● **May 8th - A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier** by Ishmael Beah
The author of this memoir tells his experience as a child soldier in Sierra Leone's bloody civil war.

**The Big Read:
New Hampshire Reads Fahrenheit 451**

In October the Manchester City Library will participate in The Big Read: New Hampshire Reads *Fahrenheit 451*. This is a statewide program in which over sixty libraries, schools, and bookstores will create programming focused on the novel by Ray Bradbury. As part of this effort, the MCL book discussion group will discuss *Fahrenheit 451* at their October meeting. The library is also showing the 1966 film adaptation on Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium. Copies of *Fahrenheit 451* will be available for the public to borrow beginning in September.

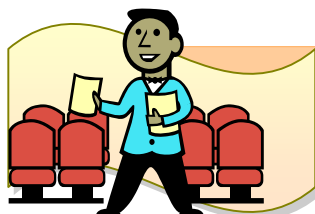
The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. The Big Read: New Hampshire Reads *Fahrenheit 451* is a project of the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library in partnership with the New Hampshire Humanities Council. For more information visit the New Hampshire Reads *Fahrenheit 451* website at bigreadnh.blogspot.com.



Foreign Film Night

The Library shows award-winning foreign films on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM in the auditorium. The scheduled films are:

- September 27th - *Viva Cuba*
A film by Juan Cremata Malberti. Winner at the Cannes Film Festival.
- October 25th - *Mother of Mine*
A film by Klaus Haro. Winner at the Cairo International Film Festival.
- November 22nd - closed for Thanksgiving
- December 27th - *Madeinusa*
A film by Claude Llosa. Winner at the Rotterdam International Film Festival.



Afternoon at the Movies

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM
Auditorium

September 9th - *The Sting*
September 12th - *On Golden Pond*
September 19th - *My Fair Lady*
September 26th - *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*
October 3rd - *The Great Escape*
October 10th - *The Pursuit of Happyness*
October 17th - *The Court Jester*
October 24th - *The Queen*
October 31st - *The Day the Earth Stood Still*
November 7th - *Flags of our Fathers*
November 14th - *The Painted Veil*
November 21st - *No movie on the day before Thanksgiving*
November 28th - *Freedom Writers*
December 5th - *The Preacher's Wife*
December 12th - *Grumpy Old Men*
December 19th - *The Sound of Music*

Tuesday Night Movies

6pm- Auditorium

September 11th - *Away from Her*
October 9th - *The Namesake*
November 13th - *Amazing Grace*

Banned Books Week

September 29 - October 6, 2007

Each year the American Library Association (ALA) sponsors Banned Books Week, a celebration of freedom to read whatever you choose, without censorship. In 2006 the ALA received 546 challenges—reports of attempts to remove items from the shelves of libraries and other institutions. These attempts to ban



books are generally mounted to protect others (usually children) from literature that addresses controversial issues, issues that conflict with at least one person's viewpoints on morality, ethics, religion, politics, sex, or other social issues. While most challenges are unsuccessful, thanks to the efforts of concerned parties, the observation of Banned Books Week, as the ALA puts it, "reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted." For more information on Banned Books Week, visit www.ala.org/bbooks/.

Upcoming Programs

● Putting the Garden to Bed

Monday, September 10th at 7:00 PM, Winchell Room

What helps your garden not only survive the winter, but start spring with a bang? Preparing it for winter, that's what. Come learn what you can do to help keep disease problems from occurring again next year, what it takes to keep those rhododendrons from turning brown and your perennials from heaving out of the ground, and what your lawn needs to go into winter at its healthiest. This program will include handouts to help you prepare your garden for winter year after year, and the opportunity to ask lots of questions.

Margaret Hagen of the UNH Cooperative Extension will be presenting this program. For more information, please contact Yvonne Loomis at 624-6550 ext. 320.

● Buying and Selling on Ebay

Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 PM
Auditorium



Lynn MacDonald, a certified Ebay instructor and owner of the Knowledge Tree, a software and skills training company, will describe the ins and outs of using Ebay to make money selling unwanted items or to find the antique or collectible you've always wanted.

● J.R.R. Tolkien and the Uses of Fantasy

Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 PM
Winchell Room

Sparked by the popularity of the Harry Potter series, fantasy literature is enjoying a new surge of interest, and the film version of *The Lord of the Rings* brings J.R.R. Tolkien to a new generation of readers. Fantasy literature has always made for popular reading (or listening). What accounts for its special appeal?

Join us for *J.R.R. Tolkien and the Uses of Fantasy*, presented by Clia Goodwin, former Lecturer in English Literature at UNH and member of the Medieval Academy of America. Ms. Goodwin will explore Tolkien's world, both familiar and strange, full of magic, monsters, heroes, quests, and a mythic structure that reveals much about

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the human condition. We will serve refreshments, and welcome you to stay for questions and discussion following the presentation. For more information, contact Steve Viggiano at 624-6550 ext. 323 or at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov.

We thank the New Hampshire Humanities Council for providing the funding to make this program possible.

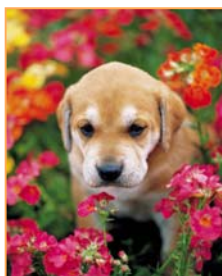
J.R.R. Tolkien and the Uses of Fantasy is one of over 250 programs and exhibits available to organizations statewide, through the Humanities to Go! catalog. To learn more, contact the New Hampshire Humanities Council in Concord at 224-4071 or visit their website at www.nhhc.org.

● **Ameranouche Trio**

Thursday, October 4th at 6:00 PM
Auditorium

The Ameranouche Trio features Richard Sheppard on solo guitar, Ryan Flaherty on rhythm guitar, and Xar Adelberg on upright bass. They are self-described as a "Gypsy jazz ensemble [that] plays acoustic hot jazz, both original compositions and unique arrangements by American and Gypsy songwriters." For more information, visit their website at www.ameranouche.com.

● **Animal Rescue League of NH Educational Seminar**



Saturday, October 6th at 1:00 PM
Winchell Room

This free seminar covers humane education, animal cruelty, dog obedience, adoption, general shelter information, and volunteer information. Come meet some animals that are available for adoption!

This program is geared for preteens to adults, and is recommended for ages 10 and up. Due to limited seating, **registration is required**. You can register online through the library calendar at www.manchester.lib.nh.us. To learn more about the Animal Rescue League, visit their website at www.rescueleague.org. For more information about the seminar, contact Karyn Isleb at 624-6550 ext. 335.

● **Caregivers Toolbox Workshop**



Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 PM
Winchell Room

This 75-minute workshop is aimed at caregivers of aging parents or adults with disabilities living at home. Ray Mailloux will present a "virtual" home tour, providing helpful information on mobility, hearing, vision, and memory

impairment, focusing on adaptive and supportive equipment that helps seniors and adults with disabilities to live independently. There will be time for questions and answers and for sampling tools and equipment that

increase independence. Mailloux will also speak about caring for the caregiver and healing with humor, providing informative handouts with resources to learn more on the subject.

● **Hi, I'm Ernie Pyle**

Saturday, October 20th at 2:00 PM Auditorium

Hi, I'm Ernie Pyle is a one-act, one-man play written and performed by Gary W. Morrison. Ernie Pyle was the most widely read of all correspondents covering World War II.



Killed by a Japanese sniper bullet on

Ie Shima, Pyle wrote about the war from the soldier's perspective; outside, on the ground, and in the trenches.

Born on April 18, 1945, the same day as Pyle's death, Gary

Morrison takes Pyle's most hard hitting, poignant, relevant, and comical dispatches and presents them up-close and personal.

Join us for a sometimes poignant, sometimes humorous tribute to World War II veterans as told by the journalist who followed the war through the blitz in London to North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and the South Pacific. For more information, contact Steve Viggiano at 624-6550 ext. 323 or at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov.

READS-TO-GO

The Manchester libraries are participating in a new statewide program designed to provide current fiction titles for adult book discussion groups. The program is sponsored by READS, the Reference and Adult Services section of the New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA). The READS-TO-GO program was launched at the NHLA spring conference in May. The Friends of the Manchester City Library did not waste any time getting involved and offered to sponsor our library's first READS-TO-GO kit. The kit presently residing at MCL is *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

Shirley Cronin was the first to inquire about the READS-TO-GO program. **The Page Turners @ Carisbrooke** read *My Sister's Keeper* for their July meeting. Fifteen members of the group participated in the discussion.



Shirley commented, "For our first pick, we all loved the controversial content of the book. Everyone seemed to like the book and are

looking forward to trying another title from the program." She added, "*My Sister's Keeper* was delicious."

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Our Interlibrary Loan team led by Eleanor Croteau is in the process of reserving another READS-TO-GO title for the Page Turners' next gathering.

Each READS-TO-GO kit contains fifteen copies of one title, including one large print edition when available. The kit

READS



includes an author biography, discussion questions, a brochure explaining how book groups can use the kit, and a sign-out sheet for the book group to use.

Currently there are 30 READS-TO-GO kits available from libraries

across the state. They are

checked out for eight weeks to allow the book groups enough time to read and discuss the book, as well as transport the kit. A current list of available titles and their home libraries is available on the READS-TO-GO website at www.nhlibrarians.org/reads/rtg/. If you have any questions about the program, contact Claudia Mayer at 624-6550 ext. 313.

How Your Library Works: Administrative Offices

The administrative offices are an area you may never encounter on your visits here, but they play an important role in your library.



First there is Mary, our administrative assistant. Mary's job includes scheduling room reservations, booking Family Fare events, preparing correspondence, and sending out publicity for all our programs. She also handles accounting for the library foundation, purchases supplies

for the library, and handles building maintenance.

Then there is Fran, our accounting technician. Fran's job is to handle the day-to-day accounting, including payroll and vendor payments. She deals with the library's trust funds and the city budget, so she works closely with the trustees and the city's finance department. Fran is also the liaison between the staff and the human resources department.

Both Mary and Fran deal with record keeping—which is no small task for a library of this size—and they provide direct support to the director, the staff, and patrons.



Spring Fundraiser a Success!

The Manchester City Library Foundation hosted a well attended spring author fundraiser last May. Our special guest author, Ms. Linda Barnes, discussed the adventures of her character Carlotta Carlyle and how she became a writer. We greatly enjoyed her visit and thank all those who

attended. The event raised over \$10,000 for the library. We would especially like to thank the following for their support:

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